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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers federal lakes in Kansas and Missouri to release water

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Lakes within the Kansas City District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, have stored considerable amounts of water during the past week due to the recent rain events. Currently 16 of the 18 district lakes are storing water within their flood pool. In order to prepare for a future potential flood event some district lakes are releasing water while others are in the planning process.

“The flood pools need to be evacuated as soon as possible, after flooding conditions have lessened, to prepare for another potential rain event,” Corps Hydraulic Engineer Edward Parker said. “We are carefully monitoring river conditions and releasing water only when it will not cause additional flood damage.”

Storing water within the flood pool zone of a lake helps reduce some downstream river stages and minimizes the amount of flooding.

“Lessons learned from past flood events have taught us to look and prepare ahead,” said Parker. “The Corps is constantly monitoring the rivers and lakes for changes and updating projected lake releases.”

The current lake elevations and releases may be found at:

http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/water_reports/lakepool.fct

The website is updated each day, normally before noon, and contains the district's best estimate for releases during the next three days. “These estimates are subject to change as forecasted downstream conditions become more certain,” said Parker.

The Kansas City District operates and maintains 18 flood control projects which are dams that hold back a pool of water forming a lake. Nearly everyone likes to go to the lake whether for fishing, swimming, boating, picnicking, or just sightseeing.

Lake information:

- Blue Springs Lake, MO
 - Blue Springs Marina is closed.

- Tuttle Creek Lake, KS
 - All boat ramps on the lake are closed due to inundation.
 - Extreme amount of floating debris on the lake is making any boating traffic difficult and potentially hazardous.
 - State parks, river pond not impacted.
 - Spillway, boat ramp closed.

- Pomona Lake, KS
 - All structures appear to be operating as designed.
 - Wolf Creek Park has been closed.
 - Michigan Valley Park campsite is closed except for 25 campsites that remain open.
 - Coon Creek Causeway, between Michigan Valley Park and Wolf Creek Park, remains closed.

- Melvern Lake, KS
 - Lower loop in Turkey Point remains closed.
 - Lower loops in Arrow Rock are closed.

- Perry Lake, KS
 - Rock Creek Park - All of peninsula has been closed off.

Kansas City District Field Office staffs at Pomona, Melvern, Kanopolis, Wilson, Milford, Tuttle Creek, Smithville, Longview, Blue Springs, Clinton, Hillsdale lakes, and the Missouri River Area Office continue to address flood impacts at their facilities during this flood event.

For current information call (816) 426-6320 or (816) 389-2427 and for additional Corps news regarding storm-runoff management visit the District Flood 2007 web page at www.nwk.usace.army.mil (click on "Flood 2007 Information" link).

Additional online links to water levels can be found at www.crh.noaa.gov (click on "Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service" link).

For the past 100 years, the Kansas City District has been providing flood damage reduction and related support to the heartland. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs office at (816) 389-3486. www.nwk.usace.army.mil

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